Ordnance Factory at Badmal is planned to be taken up in 1997-98.

(b) Plants for two versions of ammunition have been installed. During commissioning and trial runs of the plants, certain technical problems have been encountered which are being attended to by the suppliers. For the third version, plants are under installation.

[Translation]

Operation Black Board

3425. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of teaching classes conducted in Maharashtra during each of the last three years under 'Operation Black Board';

(b) whether any financial assistance was sought by the State Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) According to information furnished by Government of Maharashtra, the number of class room constructed under Operation Blackboard Scheme in the State in the last three years is as follows :

Year	Class rooms constructed
1993-94	1374
1994-95	2722
1995-96	2915

(b) to (d). Construction of school buildings is primarily the responsibility of State Governments. Under Operation Blackboard, a formula has been worked out in consultation with Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment to provide funds for construction of primary school buildings under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY).

According to the information furnished by the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment a sum of Rs. 382.81 lakhs have been released to the State Government during 1993-94 under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) for construction of primary school buildings.

[English]

Development of Harbour Project at Panaji

3426. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that the Mormugao Port Administration has proposed development of outer harbour project at Panaji;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Mumbai Port Trust has decided to levy charges on Panaji bound vessels through its waters;

(e) if so, whether the Ministry has approved the above charges; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. In order to meet the future demand for port services, Mormugao Port administration has proposed development of outer harbour project at Panaji. Mormugao Port Trust has decided to shortlist consulting engineering firms for selection and appointment as consultants for carrying out feasibility studies for outer harbour.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f). Do not arise.

Technical Innovations made by IIT

3427. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the role of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi is rendering consultancy services to industries and technical innovations have gone down to considerable extent;

(b) if so, the details of technical innovations made by the senior professors of IIT, Delhi during the last five years Department-wise and also the quantum of money earned therefrom; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c). There has been steady increase year after year in consultancy services rendered to the industries and in large number of sponsored research projects undertaken by the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs).

Treatment to Afghan Soldiers

3428. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether injured soldiers of President Burhenuddin Rabbani's regime in war-torn Afghanistan are being set to India for medical treatment;